



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YOSHINOBU SHIRAIWA, et al.)
Application No.: 09/111,731)
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING) September 6, 2002
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. All claims currently pending in the application, including those not amended, are reproduced below. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

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